MULTIPLE ALLOY ROTOR AND METHOD THEREFOR

Abstract

A process for producing a rotor, the rotor formed thereby, as well as turbines in which such a rotor is installed. The rotor is formed by casting an ingot to have first and second regions formed of different alloys that intermix during casting to define a transition zone therebetween. The ingot is forged to yield a rotor forging that contains axially-aligned first and second alloy regions and a transition zone therebetween. The effects of the transition zone can be mitigated by modeling the transition zone and then offcenter machining the forging so that the axis of rotation of the machined monolithic rotor is more centrally located with respect to the transition zone.